

Senate Resolution 14 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY KIBBIE and JOHNSON
1 3 A Resolution urging the United States Environmental
1 4 Protection Agency to authorize the use of higher blends
1 5 of ethanol in nonflex fuel vehicles.
1 6 WHEREAS, the state of Iowa is the leading state in
1 7 the production of ethanol and using ethanol in its
1 8 vehicles; and
1 9 WHEREAS, the state of Iowa, like other ethanol
1 10 producing states, will be forced to curtail ethanol
1 11 production due to artificial regulatory barriers; and
1 12 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection
1 13 Agency has not yet approved the use of ethanol blends
1 14 in excess of 10 percent in nonflex fuel vehicles,
1 15 although the agency has the authority to approve the
1 16 use of higher ethanol blends in such vehicles; and
1 17 WHEREAS, nonflex fuel vehicles run safely using
1 18 ethanol blends of E=20, E=30, and E=40; and
1 19 WHEREAS, the federal Energy Independence and
1 20 Security Act of 2007, Pub. L. No. 110=140, requires
1 21 the increased use of ethanol, a requirement that could
1 22 be addressed through the use of higher ethanol blends
1 23 in nonflex fuel vehicles; and
1 24 WHEREAS, numerous studies have shown favorable
1 25 emissions data through the use of E=20 and E=30 in
1 26 comparison with unleaded gasoline; and
1 27 WHEREAS, authorizing the use of higher blends of
1 28 ethanol in nonflex fuel vehicles will double or triple
1 29 the use of American-grown ethanol; and
1 30 WHEREAS, the increased production of ethanol and
2 1 related job creation will benefit Iowa significantly,
2 2 as well as benefit Iowa drivers and fuel consumers
2 3 through the use of additional ethanol blends at lower
2 4 cost, and through greater fuel efficiency in some
2 5 vehicles using ethanol blends; and
2 6 WHEREAS, this state and nation continue to strive
2 7 for energy independence, and increasing the use of
2 8 ethanol and other biofuels is one more approach toward
2 9 reaching self-sufficiency; NOW THEREFORE,
2 10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Iowa Senate
2 11 strongly supports and urges the prompt authorization
2 12 and implementation by the United States Environmental
2 13 Protection Agency and other appropriate federal
2 14 agencies of the use of higher levels of ethanol blends
2 15 in nonflex fuel vehicles; and
2 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
2 17 resolution be sent to the President of the United
2 18 States, the President of the United States Senate, the
2 19 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
2 20 members of the Iowa congressional delegation, and the
2 21 Administrator of the United States Environmental
2 22 Protection Agency.
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